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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 3627**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Material Transport System

PATENT APPLICATION

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RESPONSE A UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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This RESPONSE A is in reply to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2003. No fee is due for the addition of any new claims. An appropriate Petition for Extension of Time to Respond is submitted herewith, together with the appropriate fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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